

The Pocahontas Times.

If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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EARLY TRAVELS

In America

In looking over some old books we were interested in a volume written in all the quaint dignity of old time English with "a" for "o," published in 1797 entitled "Historical Accounts of the Most Celebrated Voyages, Travelers and Discoveries," by William Mayor, L. L. D. In it is an account of the travels of "M. De Pages, a Captain in the French Navy, etc." In 1766 this bold voyager made a journey from New Orleans, up the Mississippi, the Red river, across country into New Spain, and thence to the Pacific, "of some private views, united with the calls of duty as an officer tempted him to explore the Indian seas by western navigation."

At New Orleans he found a fine harbor, "good houses, splendid public structures, and a people whom he admired for their activity and resolution. The author was much interested in the Indians and took pleasure in contemplating their character, "being now for the first time among a people to whom we give the harsh appellation of savages, only because their manners are more simple and their occupations more manly and bold than ours." In both sexes the features of the face were heavy, without, however, indicating stupidity or insensibility. Their dress was little more than decency required or the climate rendered indispensable. A piece of deer skin around the waist is the common covering for both sexes; but on the female it descends to the calf of the leg.

The writer traveled in a five oared canoe, thirty five feet long and four broad composed of a single tree. In passing he remarked upon the occasional fine country seats, the growing of thrifty German settlers, and two districts of Aesdian refugees, who being the last settlers were not in the comfortable circumstances of the rest.

Higher up the river they came to a savage village, the inhabitants of which cultivated Indian corn in the summer and followed the chase in winter. The narrator records a pathetic instance of one of the savages who had lately lost his wife, who one day, retiring to mourn over his departed friend, unexpectedly espied his daughter, twelve years of age, swimming in the river with his companions. Overwhelmed with grief, he turned from a sight that awakened his keenest recollections, when the young savage, perceiving his affliction, immediately quitted her amusement and sought the solitude of her hut. At this village he was better received by the savages than he had ever been by a European to whom he was a stranger.

The men of this nation were tall and personable. They paid much deference and respect to the aged; married early; and without being addicted to jealousy, were extremely affectionate to their wives. Divorce was allowed but seldom practiced, and a breach of conjugal fidelity on the female side was extremely rare. War hunting and fishing were the constant occupations of the men; while the care and cultivation of the fields devolved upon the women. Each sex had its separate pursuits; and attention to the necessary support of their families, left little room for vicious indulgences and criminal attachments. Their courtesy to strangers and the little apprehension entertained of their enemies, give an exalted idea of their generosity and courage. In the course of different wars the French as well as the Spaniards, have experienced their valor in the field. In their extensive peregrinations during the hunting season they encounter perils and hardships which appear almost incredible to an unaccustomed European. Neither the impetuous currents of the river nor the savage aspect of a wild and unincultivated soil can damp their ardor in the chase.

De Pages says the Mississippi

in the universe. After ascending eight hundred leagues from its mouth, its channel is so little contracted that it is impossible to imagine a person near its source. Its water is the sweetest and most palatable in the world, and its banks present all possible varieties of picturesque scenery, from the most simple to the sublime. The chief rivers which pour their tributary waters into this noble stream are the Red and Black, the Missouri and the Fair rivers. It communicates with various lakes in Canada, and thither it is possible to ascend in a canoe with little interruption.

In their slow but persevering ascent against the current they passed from time to time the houses and dairies of the English, as well as the French families, who had relinquished the strife and bustle of the world for the peaceful retirements of the woods. "This propensity is more natural to man than is generally allowed. Many are the instances of persons who have voluntarily withdrawn from the restraints of civilized life and embraced with freedom the habits and pursuits of the Indian; but seldom is it that a savage has become so attached to our customs and manners as not to sigh for his original independence and exemptions from artificial wants."

On Red river the air at one place was contaminated to such a degree by the horrid stench arising from the urine and excrement of the alligator that even the biscuit had the task of rotten musk from this abominable fluvia.

The journey through what is now Texas was made in company with the governor of the province. The Spaniards are described as half savage, excellent horsemen, and less to be depended upon than the Indians. He relates an anecdote which displays their generosity in the most striking light. A poor man, wishing to visit the settlement of San Antonio, applied to their party, praying maintenance and protection. His petition was rejected by the majority as unreasonable, and an individual could not pretend to render the services required. But the neighboring savages hearing of the poor man's distress, and not only found him a horse and provisions for the journey but conducted him to the confines of the settlement. "Such are the virtues of a people we de-

fame by calling savages, and which Europeans may blush by falling so infinitely short of. Their passions, it must be confessed, are wild and irregular, and not always under the guidance of reason; but no sooner than the first sallies of the mind subside, than compassion, generosity, friendship, and gratitude resume their place; and more than compensate for those excesses into which a momentary fervour of blood has sometimes precipitated them."

Sparrows by the Thousand

Seven thousand killed is some slaughter, even if the victims were English sparrows. Recently Mr Joe Miner Fleming, of Johnstown near Fairmont, this State, has been spending his spare time with a shotgun driving the pesky little birds from a wheat field near his house which had been threatened with devastation by them. The best he could do was to kill from ten to fifteen per shot, and the birds were there in such droves that all the powder used by Mr Fleming failed to thin their ranks.

Two Belgians employed, by a local glass house came to the wheat field's rescue and as a result the Belgian families have been feasting lavishly on sparrows. Armed with a gigantic net, the Belgians secreted themselves on the field and the first dash out of the box they bagged over 700 birds. That was a week ago, and up until Saturday night over 7,000 had been caught and killed, and the slaughter will not cease until 10,000 little heads have been wrung off. In the meantime the

AFTERMATH.

By Rev. R. H. Fleming, D. D.

Pocahontas county is to be congratulated on the progress in education within her borders. The recent Teacher's Institute was, in the opinion of the well informed, the best ever held in the county. I was edified and instructed. The instructors know their business. They wasted no time in useless discussions on subjects of no value. With Mr Burns, a man of zeal, a common sense, awake to see and use the best in modern methods; Prof. Hodge, a man of keen, analytic mind, alert, sympathetic, discussing practical questions; with Prof. B. B. an idealist, a poet, stimulating his hearers not only to enjoy the best in literature, but also to seek to lift others to a higher plane; the institute was a success in the highest sense.

The school building in Marlinton is a model in its arrangement. There is, however, an unkempt appearance in the approach and in the ground near the building. If these were improved—and the cost would be small—it would be complete.

I was with reluctance that I bade farewell to kind friends in Marlinton, especially as I met Andy Price coming out of the river with a nice basket of fish as I was enroute to the station.

What a pleasure it was to spend a night at Donlevie with my friend from childhood, Van Arbogast. Van was born right, and he has lived right. Not all gentlemen live in the towns and cities.

What a wonderful transformation in the region where fifty years ago Moses Arbogast lived almost alone!

By the courtesy of the manager of the log train, I was permitted to have one of the unique rides of my life. Seated on a log truck, with nothing to obstruct the view I rode up Little river and across the Alleghany to Laurel Fork. A carefully constructed road of easy grade, save at the summit, goes up a silvery stream. The axe has been lifted up against the trees. The monarch hemlocks and spruce have bowed to the will and greed of man. The graceful winding of the stream, the singing ripple, the answering smile to the glancing subasmes, the border of wild flowers, and the overhanging hills are unremoved. A panorama of beauty beyond compare feasts the eyes. How sweet scented the woods are! What balsamic odors the ruthless axe has set free! If I could forget their work, how I would envy these men who are spending their days in these forests. They are near to nature. How courteous they are to the passing stranger. With a grasp of the hand they bade the traveler "good speed."

And on I tramped toward the turnpike. My luggage was not light, and chafed the shoulder unused to such a burden. But I cared not for this. The tall pines reared their heads on the right and left. The silence of the woods was more expressive than the hum of factory or busy street to which I am accustomed. Alone on the Alleghany's top was to be in company with a great host. How warm the sun shined when I came out of the forest.

Waiting for me was a span of Highland bred horses, and one of her best men to guide them over a smooth highway to a cordial welcome. Col. Crozet, Napoleon's engineer, built his monument, not in France, he is forgotten there, but in the Alleghenies of the new world. A marvel of skill is the road across the mountains. The grade is easy, the curves are graceful. There is but one thing which spoils the harmony—a telephone wire to remind one that he is living in an iron age.

And lo! a S. rector was in Marlinton Saturday, trying to sell used auto, engines, and tanks.

Thought the World's end had come.

One time two men went out to gather hickory nuts. They agreed that they would divide the nuts by actual count and not by measure. In the evening as they were returning they concluded to stop and divide the nuts, so as to make the two loads equal. They were just passing the gate of a graveyard and stepped inside as not to be interrupted by passersby. As they passed through the gate one said to the other:

"I am going to leave these two nuts at the gate this black one and this white one."

So saying he laid them down, and they passed on into the graveyard about thirty or forty yards, and sat down to divide their nuts. One said to the other:

"Now, I'll take this one and you take that one."

The other replied in a deep voice:

"All right I'll take this one and you take that one."

They continued at this for some time, when along came an old negro, and as he passed the gate he heard the voices but could not see anyone. So he stopped and listened awhile, and all at once took to his heels and rushed up the road as fast as he could go.

After running some distance he met a white man and dashed up to him all out of breath, exclaiming:

"The day ob resurrection am come."

The white man was surprised and mystified and demanded an explanation.

"It's jes as I says; de day ob resurrection has come, kase I done heard Gawd de debil dewidin' dem folks up in de graveyard."

"Oh, come off!" said the white man. "Let's see about this," and he dragged the frightened negro back to the graveyard gate and stopped to listen. The men on the inside were still dividing the nuts one saying:

"I'll take this one and you take that one," and the one with the bass voice replying:

"All right; I'll take this one and you take that one."

Finally they finished, and the one with the bass voice said:

"Well, we got them all divided except those two at the gate. Now I'll take the black one and you take the white one."

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas County, to-wit:

At rules held in the clerk's office of the circuit court of Pocahontas county on the first Monday in the month of August 1907.

John A. Preston, Executor of Fred Wallace; C. M. Wallace, Minnie L. Wallace, Arta Wallace and Lillian B. Wallace Defendants

J. F. Stader, Trustee; J. F. Strader, John T. McGraw and John A. Inness Defendants

The object of this suit is to enforce a vendor's lien of \$7142.90 and accrued interest due the plaintiffs against two thirds undivided interest of the tract of 2605 acres on Elk River in said county sold by plaintiffs to the defendants and for general relief.

This day came the plaintiffs by their attorneys, and on their motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the defendant John A. Inness, is a non resident of this State, it is ordered that he do appear within one month after the date of the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk L. M. McClintic, Price, Osenton & McPeak, Sol's

Announcement of Hinton Hospital

Dr. O. O. Cooper, chief surgeon of the Hinton Hospital, Hinton, West Virginia, announces that his former associate and surgical assistant, Dr. Edward Cummings, who has taken up as his specialty Diseases of the Lungs, has returned to the Hinton Hospital and will devote his entire attention to Pulmonary Tuberculosis (consumption). Dr. Cummings has recently returned from a years travel in the west, which was spent in studying the successful scientific and modern treatment. In suitable cases the treatment can be applied at home; in others a change of climate is necessary.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas county, to-wit:

At rules held in the clerk's office of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, on the first Monday in the month of August, 1907.

The Randolph Company, a corporation, Plaintiff.

W. S. Taylor, Defendant.

The object of the above entitled cause is to recover of and from the said defendant a debt for the sum of \$367.57 that is due to the plaintiff from the defendant for goods sold and delivered to the said defendant, and for the collection of which debt the plaintiff has caused an attachment to issue and has levied upon a certain tract of 1003 acres of land in Pocahontas county, West Virginia, and also upon certain stocks etc., supposed to be owned by the said W. S. Taylor, and the plaintiff will ask for the payment of the said sum of money and in default thereof that the said lands and stocks be sold to pay the same.

This day came the plaintiff by his attorneys, and on their motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the defendant, W. S. Taylor, is a non-resident of this State, it is ordered that he do appear within one month after the date of the first publication thereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk, C. W. Maxwell, Price, Osenton & McPeak, Sol's.

Dental Notice

Dr. E. B. Hill will be at Cass August 23, for five days; Spruce, August 28, for 3 days.

Notice of Application for Pardon

All parties interested are notified that on the 14th day of September, 1907, I shall file my petition with Hon. Frank Lively, Pardon Attorney, at his office in the city of Charleston, West Virginia, praying a commutation of my sentence and a pardon.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas county, to-wit:

At rules held in the clerk's office of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, on the first Monday in the month of August, 1907.

The Leathersbury Shoe Company, a corporation Plaintiff vs. W. S. Taylor, Defendant.

The object of the entitled cause is to recover of and from the said defendant a debt for the sum of \$371.50 that is due the plaintiff from the defendant for goods sold and delivered to the said defendant, and for the collection of which debt the plaintiff has caused an attachment to issue and has levied upon a certain tract of 1003 acres of land in Pocahontas county West Virginia, and also upon certain stocks etc., supposed to be owned by the said Taylor and the plaintiff will ask for payment of the said sum of money and in default, that said lands and stocks be sold to pay the same.

This day came the plaintiff by its attorney, and on their motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the defendant, W. S. Taylor, is a non-resident of this State, it is ordered that he do appear within one month after the date of the first publication thereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk, C. W. Maxwell, Price, Osenton, & McPeak, Sol's.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas County, to-wit:

At rules held in the clerk's office of the circuit court of Pocahontas county on the first Monday in the month of August, 1907.

H. R. Ferguson Plaintiff vs. W. S. Taylor Defendant.

The object of the above entitled suit is to collect a debt due from the said W. S. Taylor due to the plaintiff for the sum of \$1200.00 and interest, and the costs of this suit, which the said defendant owes to the plaintiff and for the collection of which debt the plaintiff has caused an attachment to issue against the said W. S. Taylor and has levied upon a tract of 1003 acres of land in Pocahontas county, West Virginia, and also certain stock etc., of the said W. S. Taylor, and will ask that the said debt be paid and in default hereof that the said land property or so much as may be necessary may be sold.

This day came the plaintiff by his attorneys; and on their motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the defendant W. S. Taylor, is a non resident of this State, it is ordered that he do appear within one month after the date of the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk, C. W. Maxwell, Price Osenton & McPeak, Sol's;

Notice to Lien Holders

To all persons holding liens by judgment or otherwise, on the real estate or any part thereof, of O. C. Taylor and Malena Dyer: In pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, made in a cause therein pending, to subject the real estate of the said O. C. Taylor and Malena Dyer to the satisfaction of the liens thereon, you are required to present all claims held by you and each of you against the said O. C. Taylor and Malena Dyer which are liens on his real estate, or any part of it, for adjudication to me, at my office, in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia, on or before the 10th day of September, 1907.

Given under my hand this 18th day of August, 1907.
T. S. McNEEL, Commissioner.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas county to-wit:

At rules held in the clerk's office of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, on the first Monday in the month of August, 1907.

Alexander Mill and Supply Company, a corporation Plaintiff vs. Lynchburg Foundry Company, a corporation. John Alexander, John L. Hechmer and John T. McGraw Defendants.

The object of this suit is to attach such property as may be found within the jurisdiction of this court, belonging to the defendant the Lynchburg Foundry Company, sufficient to pay the debt of the plaintiff amounting to \$176.62 and the costs of this suit.

This day came the plaintiff by its attorneys; and on their motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the Lynchburg Foundry Company is a foreign corporation, it is ordered that it do appear within one month after the date of the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect its interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk, L. M. McClintic, Price, Osenton and McPeak, Sol's.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas county, to-wit:

At rules held in the clerk's office of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, on the first Monday in the month of August, 1907.

Porter Kellison Administrator of J. M. Kinnison, dec'd. Plaintiff.

M. E. Kinnison, William R. Kinnison, Ernest B. Kinnison, Lula Kinnison, Olive Kinnison, Cruso Kinnison, Merle Kinnison, and Lonnie Kinnison Defendants.

The object of this suit is to settle the administration accounts of Porter Kellison, Administrator of J. M. Kinnison, and distribute the proceeds arising from the estate of J. M. Kinnison, deceased, among those entitled thereto according to law.

This day came the plaintiff by his attorney; and on his motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the defendants M. E. Kinnison, William R. Kinnison, Ernest B. Kinnison, Lula Kinnison, Olive Kinnison, Cruso Kinnison, Merle Kinnison, and Lonnie Kinnison, are non-residents of this State, it is ordered that they do appear within one month after the date of the first publication thereof, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk, T. S. McNeel, Sol.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas county, to-wit:

Chloe Mullinax & Miner Mullinax Plaintiffs vs. Ed Woods and Joseph C. Halterman Defendants.

The object of this suit is to subject to the payment of three notes of \$250.00 each, dated on the 1st day of July, 1906, and due respectively in 60 days, six months, and twelve months from date and secured by a vendor's lien and the costs of this suit, a tract of land situated in Pocahontas county, West Virginia, on the east branch of Greenbrier river, containing acres, conveyed by the plaintiffs to the defendants.

This day came the plaintiff by his attorney; and on his motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed that the defendant Joseph C. Halterman, is a non-resident of this State, it is ordered that he do appear within one month after the date of the first publication thereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk, L. M. McClintic, Sol.

FOR SALE

Three well bred Shropshire rams, 4 years old, also some good black Shropshire lambs, and some fine Berkshire pigs.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas county, to-wit:

At rules held in the clerk's office of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, on the first Monday in the month of August, 1907.

Baldwin-Chandlee Supply Company, a corporation Plaintiff vs. W. S. Taylor Defendant.

The object of the above entitled suit is to collect a debt from the said W. S. Taylor due the plaintiff for the sum of \$158.52 and interest, and the costs of this suit, which the said defendant owes to the plaintiff and for the collection of which debt the plaintiff has caused an attachment to issue against the said W. S. Taylor and has levied upon a tract of 1003 acres of land in Pocahontas county, West Virginia and also certain stock etc., supposed to be owned by the said W. S. Taylor, and will ask that the said debt be paid, and in default thereof, that the said land and property or so much as may be necessary may be sold.

This day came the plaintiff by his attorneys; and on their motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the defendant W. S. Taylor, is a non resident of this State, it is ordered that he do appear within one month after the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk, C. W. Maxwell, Price, Osenton & McPeak, Sol's.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas county, to-wit:

At rules held in the clerk's office of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, on the first Monday in the month of August, 1907.

Marlinton Light & Water Company, a corporation Plaintiff vs. Lynchburg Foundry Company, a corporation. John Alexander, John L. Hechmer and John T. McGraw Defendants.

The object of this suit is to attach such property as may be found within the jurisdiction of this court, belonging to the defendant the Lynchburg Foundry Company, sufficient to pay the debt of the plaintiff amounting to \$643.28, and the costs of this suit.

This day came the plaintiff by its attorneys, and on their motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the defendant the Lynchburg Foundry Company, is a foreign corporation, it is ordered that it do appear within one month after the date of the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect its interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk, L. M. McClintic, Price Osenton & McPeak, Sol's.

Notice to Take Depositions

To the Lynchburg Foundry Company, a corporation
Take Notice: That on the 14th day of September, A. D., 1907, between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m., and 6 o'clock p. m., at the law office of Price Osenton & McPeak, in the town of Marlinton, Pocahontas county West Virginia, we will take the depositions of John Alexander and others, to be read as depositions in our behalf, in a certain suit in chancery now pending in Circuit Court of the County of Pocahontas, and State of West Virginia, in which Alexander Mill and Supply Company, is Plaintiff and Lynchburg Foundry Company and others are defendants.

If from any cause the taking of said Deposition shall not be commenced or completed on the day aforesaid, the same shall be continued from day to day, or from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed.

ALEXANDER MILL & SUPPLY COMPANY, Plaintiff; By Counsel, L. M. McClintic, Price, Osenton and McPeak, Sol's.

WANTED

Experienced teacher for new school at Watoga, Pocahontas county, W. Va. Send applications with references to J. W. Sullivan, Watoga, W. Va.